

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during a teleconference with Applicant's undersigned representative on November 28, 2006. The application has been amended in view of the teleconference, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 1, 2 and 3 are amended.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morita U.S. Pat. Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0058331 in view of Otsuki U.S. Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0085937. Applicant respectfully disagrees for at least the following reasons. Neither Morita nor Otsuki, whether taken alone or combine, teach or suggest a correction reference value storage unit that stores a temperature subrange table on which consecutive numbers for indicating temperature subranges respectively are assigned to the temperature subranges obtained by dividing an available temperature range of the printer unequally such that a lower temperature subrange is narrower than a higher temperature subrange, and as a result, unequal divisions of the temperature range allow an accumulated amount of misalignment in one temperature subrange to be substantially equal to that in another temperature subrange. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn accordingly.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morita U.S. Pat. Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0058331 as modified by Otsuki U.S. Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0085937 as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Silverbrook U.S. Pat. No. 6,802,594 and Silverbrook U.S. Pat. No. 6,464,332. Claim 2 depends from claim 1, thus the arguments set forth above with respect to claim 1 apply herein. Silverbrook '594 and '332 do not cure the

aforementioned deficiencies of Morita and Otsuki regarding claim 1. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36625.

Respectfully submitted,
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